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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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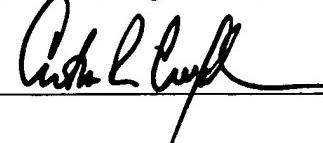|		
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the

above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding

paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs

showing current revisions is attached.

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 26:

With the above honeycomb sandwich panel, the honeycomb core is not breathable

but the front or rear surface layer or both are porous and breathable. Therefore, when the

panel is used in a vacuum, the air in the cells goes out through the front and rear surface

layers. Thus, since no difference in pressure is made between the inside and the outside

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